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1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AGENDA BRITISH PROPOSE WILL ALLOW LITTLE TIME FOR DISCUSSION OF EXTENSION AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF US-UK CHARTER UNDERSTANDING. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE INDICATE TO BRITISH THAT USDEL VIEWS NOV 5-7 CONSULTATION AS PRIMARILY CHARTER CONSULTATION, AND SHOULD NOTE REQUEST FOR CHARTER TALKS WAS INITIATED BY U.S. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT USDEL PREPARED TO DISCUSS BRITISH PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS AS TIME PERMITS AS QUALIFIED IN PARA 2 BELOW. USDEL ANTICIPATES THAT CHARTER MATTERS WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF TALKS, THUS LEAVING ONE HALF-DAY SESSION FOR OTHER MATTERS.

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2.A. WITH RESPECT TO US-UK AIRLINE SCHEDULED CAPACITY ARRANGEMENTS ON NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTES, USDEL PREPARED DISCUSS CAPACITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 75-76 WINTER SEASON. USDEL NOT PREPARED ADDRESS AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1976 SUMMER TRAFFIC SEASON GIVEN PENDENCY US INTERNATIONAL

AVIATION POLICY REVIEW AND UNCERTAINTY, THEREFORE, AS TO WHAT PRECISELY US POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CAPACITY AGREEMENTS WILL BE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THAT REVIEW.

B. CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS ON INTERPRETATION OF ANNEX II OF THE US-UK CIVIL AIR BILATERAL, USDEL IS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO HEAR WHATEVER BRITISH MAY HAVE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT US POSITION UNCHANGED FROM THAT EXPLAINED TO ROGERS DURING EARLIER WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS ON COMMISSION RATES.

C. WITH RESPECT TO PAN AM BERLIN-LONDON ITC'S, US BELIEVES THIS MATTER INAPPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN PURELY CIVIL AVIATION CONSULTATION. USDEL IS WILLING TO HEAR BRITISH VIEWS OF SUBJECT, BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO COMMENT GIVEN US POSITION THAT BONN GROUP IS PROPER FOCAL POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS BERLIN AVIATION.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INDICATE TO BRITISH THAT SINCE CONSULTATIONS WILL NOW DEAL WITH NON-CHARTER MATTERS, USDEL WILL WISH TO TAKE UP TWO ADDITIONAL ITEMS, VIZ., THE SEABOARD ROUTING PROBLEM AND THE QUESTION OF TWA'S DESIGNATION ON ROUTE 2. CONCERNING SEABOARD ROUTING, IT IS CLEAR THAT BRITISH POSITION INCORPORATED IN ITS REPLY TO EMBASSY'S SEPT. 2 NOTE CANNOT GO UNCHALLENGED AND MUST BE ADDRESSED. SEPTTEL ON THIS MATTER FOLLOWS. CONCERNING TWA DESIGNATION ON US ROUTE 2, WE REALIZE THAT UK-AUSTRIA BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON LONDON-VIENNA CAPACITY ARE NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL NOVEMBER 17. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO DIFFICULTY IN RAISING ISSUE WITH BRITISH AGAIN IN ADVANCE OF THEIR TALKS WITH AUSTRIANS AND PUTTING REITERATION OF US INTEREST IN QUESTION ON RECORD.

4. EMBASSY MIGHT POINT OUT IF NECESSARY THAT USDEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREPARED DISCUSS AGENDA WITH ROGERS AS TIME PERMITS DURING FREE MOMENTS ON OCTOBER 22-23 IN PARIS. KISSINGER

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